

REMARKS

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed July 7, 2010. Currently, claims 1-9, 15, 21, 22, 24-38, 51-62, and 65-67 remain pending. Claims 1 and 62 have been rejected and claims 2-9, 15, 21, 22, 24-38, 51-61, and 65-67 have been objected to. Favorable consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting Rejection

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 62 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 22 of U.S. Patent No. 7,691,137. While Applicants respectfully disagree, Applicants file herewith a Terminal Disclaimer overcoming this rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 6 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 62 were indicated as being in condition for allowance with the exception of the double patenting rejection set forth above. Also, by extension, all dependent claims were indicated as being in condition for allowance. As discussed above, a Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith to overcome the double patenting rejection. As such, all pending claims 1-9, 15, 21, 22, 24-38, 51-62, and 65-67 are believed to be allowable.

Conclusion

Reconsideration and further examination of the rejections are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

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